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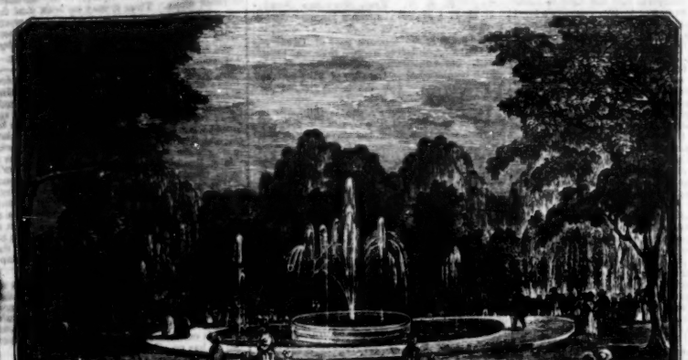
FOUNTAIN IN FRANKLIN SQUARE—PHILADELPHIA.



Franklin Square is situated between Vine and Race streets, and Sixth and Franklin streets, City of Philadelphia, of which it is a very fine ornament. It embraces a plot of ground of considerable extent, tastefully decorated with numerous trees, whose umbrageous foliage affords a shelter from the fervent heat.—Walks which traverse the whole space, are formed in a serpentine form, and covered with gravel.

The enclosure is surrounded by a railing of iron, with substantial gates of the same material facing the public streets in the vicinity. That portion of the ground not occupied by walks, is disposed in plats of grass, the fragrance of which in some measure compensates the absence of rural recreation the plodding citizen is compelled to bear. For many years this square was neglected, a portion of it being occupied as a burial ground, and a dispute existing as to the title, the city authorities contemplated improvements until the question was decided. The supreme court subsequently gave it as their opinion that the title was in the city, when the surface was made uniform, and rendered suitable for healthful relaxation.

Within the last few months it has been further decorated by the erection of a fountain near the centre, which adds much to the elegance of this pleasant promenade. A circular platform surrounds the fountain, about a little more than a foot in height, and rather more than two feet wide, forming a kind of rising in the middle of which is a basin, into which falls the water thrown up from four openings. These openings are four in number, and placed equidistant from each other, from either of them jets of water are thrown to the height of twelve or fifteen feet.—In the centre of this basin there is another receptacle of water, elevated a few feet above the former, and faced on the outside with white marble. There are four openings through which the water is thrown up, in this basin beside the principal fountain in the centre. One of these is on each of the cardinal points having each by the gentlemen he had seen at church. When he had ascended a little way, to where the road makes the second turning, he met the lady in the golden-spangled veil in lively conversation with her friend, and lend in her admiration of the foreigner; for from that propitious view of Namur is very beautiful, as it lies between the two mountains, surrounded and crossed by the Meuse and the Sambre, and the rivulet, the Bederin. But buying, as if in emulation—and smiling condescendingly on the attentive fireman, "See, mother!" whispered the good widow, as she took her rosary and hurried off to church, "see how the saints have blest our piety—our zeal—our industry!" The son bent religously as she passed by, and thanked the saints for their goodness.

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The water is derived from the Schuylkill and is the same used in the common occasions of life. The force is dependant on the head of water at the Fair Mount works, the basin at which place being higher than any point in the city, unless indeed it be some spire. The plate will, however, convey a much better idea of this fountain than could possibly be given in any written description. This square in warm summer evenings is thronged with multitudes of every class and character, seeking refreshment after the toils of the day. The hoary grand sire, and the smiling babe, the young and the vigorous, the gallant youth and the fair damsel are here commingled. The inhabitant of the green country may smile at the zeal of the residents of a city in these matters, but to a person confined to a narrow space, and exposed to the reflection of a burning heat, the comforts of a square like that described may, the spectacle is truly beautiful, and especially when the rays of the sun fall obliquely on the spray. Since our engraving was made, the circle has been surrounded by a very beautiful iron railing.

NEW ENGLAND.

BY A NEW ENGLANDER.

think upon New England's calm and happy
hills,
of the blood rush through my veins, as from a
thousand rills,
rapture in the very thought that lands me
back once more,
youthful scenes of by-gone times, the good old
days of yore,
re my father's bones repose beneath the silent
sod,
re a lovely sister both a birth and burial
found;
ttle angel brother, who early wing'd his
flight
a world of woe and sadness, his there in
earth's cold night.
who gave me birth is there, the leader mother
ill!
rished all my youthful hopes through good
report and ill!
ow methinks I hear her voice, urging to
virtue's way,
om the heaten path to honor me'er to stray
and brothers too are there, the lov'd ones of
my heart,
nds, who in my youthful sports were wont to
share a part;
em'ry throws a sparkling halo round those
happy hours,
seem'd all a garden, clad with fresh bloom-
ing flowers.
lone those bosom ties had me to that fair
home,
places planted there such friends as much they
ight of time;
icks, her hills, her gentle streams, have all a
charm for me,
ry wave that laves her coast from the head
and boundless sea.
her consecrated spots to Freedom ever
dear,
and boast of all her sons whose Fathers
knew not fear,
ed its tale of valor tells, each hill top and each
dian
tless men and dauntless deeds of the wounded
and the slain.
ed beneath the sun's bright reign a theme
and, I ween,
some gallant men of old; nor hath the
world e'er seen
r race of men than now their father's mantles
wear;
forbade that any such ornaments—and the
outh was left to the natural simplicity of
h brown hair, that waved in long curls
s snow-white collar—and to the unadorn
ness of a tight-fitting coat and panta-

loons, to which was appended neither sword nor dagger. As to Le Blond himself, he did not take any notice whether people wondered at his wigglessness or not. He was totally unconscious of any thing peculiar either in his dress or appearance; and had not the remarks of the fair sex of Namur been very beautiful, as it lies between the two mountains, surrounded and crossed by the Meuse and the Sambre, and the rivulet, the Bederin. But ladies, in coming down steps, should take care not to betray as much ankle as they can, and Le Blond saw no beauties in the view. A false step is easily made even where there is no snow to make it slippery. Of this the veiled lady gave a striking example—she fell with a loud scream. Le Blond rushed up the steps to her assistance, and lowered her gently. She thanked him, and took the arm he had offered for her support. But as her foot was slightly hurt, she frequently paused, on their downward way, to rest. She asked many questions about Le Blond, and when she heard, among other things, that he dealt in lace, she expressed a wish to buy, named the hotel where she resided, and fixed an hour for him to bring some articles for her inspection. He was delighted to hear of a customer so early in Namur. She would probably have talked much longer, had not the gentlemen come up the steps to enquire what had detained the lady. She related the accident in answer to their respectful enquiries, and left Le Blond transfixed to the spot. In the course of time, however, he recovered himself sufficiently to call a hackney coach and tell his mother the whole occurrence. At the appointed hour he went to the hotel, and enquired for the Countess de St. Silvain. He was conducted to her apartment, and found her still more beautiful than he had thought her when she glided through the ranks of the gentlemen. She received him with the utmost care to the carriage

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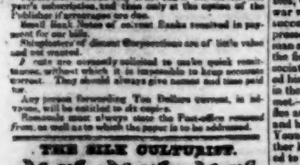

From the Norfolk Beacon.

The cultivation of the Mulberry is not only becoming a subject of great interest in the United States generally, but in this immediate section of the country. Many are already engaged in planting the *Morus Multicaulis*, and many profits have already been realised. We hail its cultivation, however, as the first measure of introducing the silk feature among us, and of establishing that branch of human industry firmly in our Borough. The soil of the neighboring country is admirably adapted to the rearing of the tree, while the town of Norfolk presents advantages for the location of factories unequalled, we believe, by any other place in the Union. With proper energy and spirit, Norfolk might accomplish in the silk business what Paisley, Glasgow, Lyonese, Birmingham and Manchester have done and are now doing in other departments of industry. Let it be remembered that the brisk linen manufacture of Scotland is from a raw material obtained from Russia, and ought we not to make the effort, with the mulberry and the silk worm at our doors, to follow such a good example?

The silk business is destined to become one of the chief importance branches of American industry, ere long. As late as 1795, England imported her cotton fabrics from India, and until the commencement of this century, imported all her cotton from Egypt and India. The introduction of steam into the factory enabled England to engage in making cotton fabrics, which she soon exported to India, and sold at a handsome profit. A time for which Indian manufacture could be procured. The whole cotton manufacture was thus engrossed by Great Britain, until the United States entered the market. But our own history furnishes an example of the prompt and profitable introduction of an article which is now the great medium of American exchange; we mean cotton. As late as 1793, when Mr. Jay negotiated the famous British Treaty, that commissioner and who penned the most of the revolutionary state-papers, and who resigned his office as Chief Justice of the United States to enable him to embark on his mission, was ignorant of the existence of cotton as an article of export in the United States; and at this day the reader need not be told of the value of that "great and specie paying bank" of the South. There is strong ground to believe that the Mulberry is destined to work a revolution as thorough as that brought by Cotton, and every experience has shewn that the climate of the South is most congenial to the production of this valuable tree. Let our citizens persevere in their zeal, and they need not envy the wandering Scotchman on the banks of the Red River or the Colorado.

NEW USE OF THE WORM.

In all our admiration of the industrious habits, docile disposition, and beautiful products of the silk worm, we have never witnessed that, after its labors are completed, its body is convertible into palatable and wholesome food for either man or beast. But if the following statement which we have taken from an exchange paper be true, it is to be eaten in China as a common article of food, in health, and highly esteemed as diet for the sick. We cannot say that we have much confidence in the statement, and transfer it to our columns more on account of its novelty, than utility.

"M. Favard, a French missionary, states that during his late residence in China, he often eat the chrysalis of the silk worm, and found it to be both good and wholesome; there is a process, however, in the preparation of this delicate state of health. After the cocoons are spun, the chrysalis are fried in order that the watery parts may be quite discharged; and on being stripped of their covering, present a yellow appearance, like the spawn of a carp. They are then fried with butter, grease or oil, and afterward put into broth.—When they have boiled five or ten minutes, they are crushed with a spoon, care being taken to stir them up, so that nothing adheres to the bottom of the vessel. The yolks of eggs beaten up in the proportion of three for every hundred chrysalis, are then poured over them, and the finest gold colored cream of the most exquisite taste is thus obtained."—*Silk Culturist.*

THE SILK BUSINESS.

If we are to judge from present indications, we shall not be many years longer dependant on France for our silk manufactures. That the cultivation of the Chinese mulberry tree, will be prosecuted in this vicinity the ensuing season, with much spirit, and with certain prospects of extensive profit. The supply of trees at the present time, will scarcely more than meet half the demand: and we greatly doubt, that, notwithstanding ten or twenty times the quantity will be raised next year, whether the demand will be any better supplied. We are just beginning to rear the silk worm—the deficiency of food being almost an insurmountable barrier against its prosecution; but as we shall shortly have an abundant supply of leaves, we may anticipate a very brisk and very profitable business. One individual in this place, the present season, who only entered into the business to a limited extent, and which required a very small capital, and only a few weeks constant attention, has *cleared* at least $15,000!!

We are gratified to see that Germantown is taking the lead in this business, and that we may confidently anticipate, in another year or two, that she will become the great mart, both for the sale of trees, and the production of the raw material.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

MORUS MULTICAULIS.

Quite a brisk trade is carried on in this article at the South; thousands of trees have changed hands at exorbitantly high prices. A gentleman from Philadelphia recently purchased in Northampton 10,000 trees for thirty-five cents, and some have been sold much higher. The *Morus Multicaulis* is well suited to the southern and western climate, but cannot be cultivated here as the White Italian or Alpine Mulberries, they being hardier trees, and better adapted to our New England climate.

That the silk business will succeed well at the south we do not entertain a doubt; but we caution those entering the business not to give credence to the wild stories that are told about the immense profits to be realised from it, for they are not founded on fact. It will be a good business; a fair, reasonable profit may be expected, and nothing more.—*Yankee Farmer.*

SILK GROWING.

A gentleman writing from St. Augustine, Florida, says that the prospects of the silk growers, so far as the result of the experiment is concerned, are highly promising. Nearly a million of mulberry trees are already in a flourishing state of growth. Hundreds, it is said, are preparing to enter upon the business, as soon as the legislature shall be dissolved. Says the writer:—"We shall supply silk for the whole American consumption and for exportation. We have also thousands and ten of thousands of Orange trees, which will produce, in another season, and thus introduce this delightful fruit to our own country."

"*Death of the Male Giraffe.*—The beautiful male Giraffe, recently arrived in this city from Alexandria, Egypt, died suddenly on Monday morning immediately after feeding, without exhibiting any previous illness. This is the only male Giraffe ever brought to the country, and its loss will not be replaced for many years to come. It was several feet taller than the female exhibited previously, and enjoyed the greatest apparent health up to the moment of its death. It is supposed that poison had been administered to the animal, and several gentlemen were engaged in analysing the contents of its stomach. The result we have not learned. It is to be hoped, if such has been the case, that the wretch who could have the baseness to wantonly destroy such a noble creature, may be fortunately detected and brought to punishment.—*New York Courier and Enquirer.*

From the Franklin [Kentucky] Banner.

TERRIBLE AFFRAY.

We have learned the following particulars of a terrible affray which took place near Harrisonburg, in the upper part of this State, from a gentleman from that section of the country.

Our informant states that about fifteen years since, in one of the counties of Hagerty, near Harrisonburg, was, as said, by the malevolence of one Humble charged with larceny. It appeared upon the trial that the witness was subpœned, and Hagerty was honorably acquitted. From that time forward, continued and burning hostility has existed between the two parties, producing of course many threats of outrage and disorder, the spirit of which was most naturally and readily imbibed by the young men of both parties.—Fifteen years after the charge of larceny, Hagerty was murdered by one of his slaves, who at the execution declared that "he was hired to kill his master by a man in the neighborhood." The young Hagertys believed it was one of the Humbles, who had instigated the murder. The war was continued with great spirit, and various successes, though the Hagertys were generally oppressed, their whole force being but a young man and a little boy but sixteen years old. About the first of September, Humble, with his two associates, Bass and Davis, caught this boy, ducked him, and stripped him, and then whipped him in the most unmerciful manner. The parties met.—Humble, Bass and Davis armed with rifles and pistols.—Young Hagerty with a stick, and his little brother with a double barreled gun. Young Hagerty told Humble that his little brother had been abused by *them men*, and he wished to know whether either of them had spirit enough to fight him? Humble raised his rifle to shoot him, and Hagerty sprang behind a tree. Humble told Bass to go round the tree with his rifle and shoot him, if he did not "come out." The boy handed his brother the double barreled gun, who instantly stepped out with his gun at "a" order," and told Humble he should have a fair chance if he wanted to kill him!—Humble then took deliberate aim and shot him—then turned in the door to get his pistol, advanced with it cocked and raised to an "aim," when he received the whole contents of one barrel from the hands of the little boy, and fell dead.

The little fellow had just time to turn upon Bass, who was advancing upon him from behind with his rifle at dead aim. But he did turn without flinching, and poured the contents of the second barrel into the bosom of Bass, who fell dead at his feet. The boy was shot in the right breast—reeled and fell, just in time to avoid the pistol fire of Davis, who took a pistol shot at his back! The boy and Bass were both badly peppered burnt. Davis was arrested by the bystanders, but a justice of the peace came up, and told them he did not think it right to keep a man "tied in that manner," and he thought it best to "turn him loose." It was accordingly so done, and he absconded. Of the remaining four engaged in this terrible affray the little boy alone survives!

Our informant states that five white men and one negro have been murdered in the parish of Madison, during the months of July and August.

We begin to think that the dark ages are returning upon us; that the Goths and Vandals have descended upon our fair Italy, bringing in their train, rapine, murder and desolation. But perhaps it is wise, instead of unavailing regret over the past or the present state of society, to set seriously to work to put a stop to these outrages upon the feelings and good sense of the people of Louisiana; and nothing can put a stop to them, except the strong arm of the law. Let the law have its fair force, and every individual in the country rally to support it, and bring the guilty to justice—let its power and vengeance only be sure and certain, and all these outrages will cease. It is therefore a duty which every man in the community owes to society, to expose and prosecute every criminal offence, and to use his best exertions to bring every criminal to the bar of justice.

THE ENGLISH CROPS.

The English papers contain the following remarks on the Harvest and crops of that country.

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The little fellow had just time to turn upon Bass, who was advancing upon him from behind with his rifle at dead aim. But he did turn without flinching, and poured the contents of the second barrel into the bosom of Bass, who fell dead at his feet. The boy was shot in the right breast—reeled and fell, just in time to avoid the pistol fire of Davis, who took a pistol shot at his back! The boy and Bass were both badly peppered burnt. Davis was arrested by the bystanders, but a justice of the peace came up, and told them he did not think it right to keep a man "tied in that manner," and he thought it best to "turn him loose." It was accordingly so done, and he absconded. Of the remaining four engaged in this terrible affray the little boy alone survives!

Our informant states that five white men and one negro have been murdered in the parish of Madison, during the months of July and August.

We begin to think that the dark ages are returning upon us; that the Goths and Vandals have descended upon our fair Italy, bringing in their train, rapine, murder and desolation. But perhaps it is wise, instead of unavailing regret over the past or the present state of society, to set seriously to work to put a stop to these outrages upon the feelings and good sense of the people of Louisiana; and nothing can put a stop to them, except the strong arm of the law. Let the law have its fair force, and every individual in the country rally to support it, and bring the guilty to justice—let its power and vengeance only be sure and certain, and all these outrages will cease. It is therefore a duty which every man in the community owes to society, to expose and prosecute every criminal offence, and to use his best exertions to bring every criminal to the bar of justice.

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NEILSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST

PHILADELPHIA.

Saturday, November 10, 1838.

The State of New Jersey will have a School fund of $878,394 17, after paying the appropriation for the present year, amounting to $30,000. The New York and Philadelphia Institutions for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, have twenty pupils from this State, the former eight, and the latter twelve. On the 1st of October, there were one hundred and sixty-three prisoners confined in the State Prison, a larger number than at any former period.

The European papers, say some eighteen months since, a corpse was found in a mill pond, near Troyes, in France, which was thought to be an individual who had been rather fond of spirituous potations. Madame Brillois, the widow, was certain the dead man was her husband, and accordingly had him buried with every suitable ceremony. A short time being spent in lamenting her irreparable loss, the fair mourner consented a second time to present herself at the altar, when to the surprise of all, before many days had passed, the first and real husband appeared to claim his wife.

The Exhibition of the Agricultural Society, was held last Monday, and though the day was unfavorable, a number of persons from the city, and from the adjoining states were present. The Durham cattle were especially worthy of observation, besides which we observed many superior sheep, pigs, cows, and a numerous collection of agricultural implements of recent invention. The cows which were sold, ranged from two to three years old, and sold for from $260 to $540.

A rather novel plan was pursued in New Orleans the last summer, for the purpose of getting rid of the superfluous dogs, which consisted in throwing poisoned sausages in the streets. The contractor's bill against the first municipality was for one hundred and nine dollars, but being considered extravagant it was reduced to two hundred and fifty dollars. Of all the modes yet devised for getting rid of these animals, this is certainly the most objectionable. For ourselves we do not participate in the feeling which induces these proceedings, having always found more danger to lurk among the *biped* than the *quadruped*, let their species be what it may.

The American Medical Library and Intelligencer, vol. 2, No. 15, has been published by Sam Waldie. The present number of the Library contains lectures on the Morbid Anatomy of the Serous and Mucous Membranes, by Thomas Hodgkin, M. D. &c. The Intelligencer has an article on Cerebral Osseribura, by Professor Albert, of Bonn; Reports of the Blockley Hospital; a case of Intestinal Entozoa, by H. Stackerson, M. D.; Auscultation, the repeated application of Leeches. The mass of useful information communicated in this periodical, is worthy the attention of the professional reader.

The second number of the American Phrenological Journal has been issued by Mr. A. Walker. The first article comprehends a history of Phrenology, and considers the more common objections urged against its cultivation, in a candid and impartial manner. The state of the science in Great Britain, and the prospect of its further improvement are next established; in this the writer addduces many facts which give its increasing popularity. The third article is curious from its tracing the phrenological components and character, of the Indian Chief Black Hawk.

Sharks and Sea Gulls, by Captain Glasgow, R. N. author of the Naval Sketch Book, 2 vols. published by Lea & Blanchard. This is excellent production abounding in amusing and witty incidents which display the humor the author to great advantage. It has some pathetic scenes and moving passages for those who wish to weep, interspersed with numerous lively adventures to delight the facetious. In a word it is a good story, and will be read with pleasure.

Commodore Elliott has transferred the Sarcophagus, brought by him from Syria, to the Council of this city, to be by them placed in the Girard College. This beautiful relict of antiquity is of Roman origin, and is thought to have been made about the second century A. D. it is composed of pure white marble, and was found about three-quarters of a mile north-east of the present city of Beyrout, the site of the ancient city of Beveritus.

The four sailors who were concerned in the piracy, and murder on board the brig Bragdon, of this port, have been arrested at Embden, in Prussia. They confessed the crime of which they were accused, and are held in confinement subject to the demand of the U. S. government.

George McCurdy was convicted in the Baltimore city court of an assault and battery on Mr. Sutton, a legal voter, at the recent election, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and a fine of one hundred dollars.

Messrs. Ash & Ansers have published a neat little volume containing a series of familiar tales, some engraved illustrations. The work bears the title "Leisure Hours, by Mary Elliot," and is adapted to amuse the juvenile reader, at the same time that it conveys sound moral precepts.

EXPENSIVE CAPE.

The New York Evangelist gives a description of a cape, worn by a Sandwich Island Chief, the cost of which was estimated at $100,000. The composition of this article is somewhat curious, being of small feathers, bright and beautiful in color, and of which, two only grew on the wing of a particular bird. They are most usually worked on a coarse net work, to be cut into stripes of various colors. These feathers are obtained by placing some adhesive substance on the end of a pole, this is held near the sea, on the rocks or branches, when it attracts the glutinous matter adheres, and the feather is drawn up, and stripped of its feathers. Mr. Richards, the missionary, was of opinion that he could have obtained $100,000 worth of cape by the labor expended in the manufacture of this cape.

There is a woman who is now going about the country lecturing at different houses for various articles of wearing apparel, which she says were given to her by the owner. She first enquires the name of the resident of a dwelling, where there is a prospect of making something, and then immediately allow the most nourishment number of patients.

On Saturday morning, a rather green looking countryman, went into the inn at West Chester, with a basket in the kitchen, and called for a drink a pint of beer. He was accordingly supplied by curiously, opened the basket, and to his astonishment he found a terrier, and a cat being incensed or alarmed at the treatment they had received, he ran no risk of being pulled to pieces if he rung the changer upon them, which he did by abstracting the latter from the basket, and letting the cat in its place. On getting out the fraud, and returning to the inn, he found time not to lose, and being past 11 o'clock, he was obliged to draw him any ale. After having induced the girl to leave the room, he took some spring water, and mixed it with a large pot on the fire, and a leg of mutton, and very impatiently awaited the tabby for it, carrying them seat his brother dinner with making him fully acquainted with the landlord, wanting some fun out of the pot. Not hearing her, he caused an examination to be made, and found the cause and its author to be at a mortal remnant. "I dares for to say—the mutton, and then commenced a detection!"

RAPID TRAVELLING.

Passengers can now leave Washington in the morning, and arrive in Baltimore in time to take the train of cars for York. From this place they are carried in stages the distance of 22 miles on a turnpike to Harrisburg. From there they arrive at the east terminus of the Cumberland Valley rail road, sufficiently early to join the evening train of cars for Philadelphia, by which they are able to reach Chambersburg the same evening. The distance is one hundred and seventy-eight miles.

Stories, by Mary Russel Mitford, published by Lea & Blanchard. This volume contains twelve tales, written in the pleasing and attractive style which distinguishes the writings of this lady.

1000 Cherokees passed through Nashville on the 16th ult. on their way west.

EXHIBITION OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.

The splendid and interesting exhibition of the Franklin Institute commenced on Tuesday morning, and shortly after the doors were opened the rooms were filled with curious spectators. Not only was every apartment in the spacious Masonic Hall occupied by the various products of ingenuity and skill, but a temporary building which had been erected in front of the edifice. The number of rooms are ten, and in order to place properly before the reader the multitudinous objects of mechanical invention, it will be our purpose to consider each apartment in its order.

The entrance is by the centre door, in gaining which we enter the temporary building, wherein are several engines, among which is the Harmony, built by Merrick & Agnew, of this city. In its structure the manufacturers have combined elegance and strength, the mountings are unique and very beautiful. The Vigilant Fire Engine, built by Joel Bates, of this city, is more solid, and at the same time a most splendid specimen of this species of mechanical ingenuity. Then comes the various cooking stoves, and those for parlors, and specimens of well wrought iron and steel.

Among other machinery is the patent straw cutter, of Boynton, which the description of the maker states will accomplish *from* eight to twelve thousand cuts per minute, and is adapted to either hand, horse, or water power. Then there is Moore's straw sawing machine, which the inventor says will saw near two hundred and fifty staves in an hour, fitted and ready for the hoops. The cost is about two hundred dollars.

Among the carriages we notice a phaeton built to order by Messrs. Ogle & Watson, a very beautiful vehicle, so constructed as to admit the driver's seat to be removed, and the one front to be reversed. There are also several well built sleighs, and some excellent sedans.

In the main building, we commence with No. 1, which is the south-east front room of the second story; at the east side there is a kind of vestibule composed of pillars in imitation of porphyry, made of a composition called scagliola. In the immediate vicinity are many specimens of this composition in the form of pillars, table tops, &c. executed by Mr. Skirving, of this city. Here are also the gas fixtures of Whelan & Brown, displaying an admirable combination of utility and beauty. In this apartment there is a reflecting telescope constructed by Holcombe, of Southwick, Mass. having the power of 500, intended to be purchased for the high schools of this city for the sum of $250. In this room are well executed busts of Henry Clay and Nicholas Biddle, with some fine paintings.

In the second room are found many excellent specimens of chemical preparations, by Carey & Scattergood, Farr & Co. Harrison & Brother, C. S. Creath, Wetherill & Brothers, and J. B. Smith & Hodgson; varnishes by W. Richards & G. S. Clements; acetate of iron by G. T. Rebun & Co. and a table covered with fancy soaps, cologne water and other cosmetics from Mr. L. W. Glenn.

In the third room are collected a great variety of musical instruments. Square pianos of splendid workmanship made by Messrs. Loud, Feuhring, Allbright, Gilbert, Brown and J. B. Jones, with a fine guitar by H. A. Schartz, and an elegant flute by Eisenhart, of Baltimore, valued at $300, and clarionets. In the saloon there are deposited numerous specimens of well made hats, from the manufactories of different artisans, among which are some beautiful Tuscan and straw bonnets.

The splendid chandelier made by Cornelius & Co. for the Senate chamber of the State of Mississippi, is a magnificent work of art. These gentlemen have exhibited some elegant parlor and hall chandeliers, with other exquisitely finished lamps.

The table in the centre is covered with a variety of rich glass vessels made at the factory of the Sandwich and Boston company, the agent of which is Mr. Mussy in Minor street. The adjoining apartment has some elegant specimens of glass vessels manufactured by George Durmer, Esq. Jersey city. More than one hundred and fifty persons are employed in this factory. The ware is exquisitely finished in large flagons and astral domes; among the rest are two large bowls with covers, one of which cost four hundred dollars, and the other three.

There are several beautifully made marble mantels and centre tables, which reflect great credit on the skill and ingenuity of the several artists. The specimens of articles manufactured from Anthracite, and deposited by Mr. E. Kirk, are every way deserving notice.

We notice some splendid embroidery by Miss Wilde, residing at Schuylkill Front and Vine streets; ornamental Roman stones, very curious articles made out of Roman cement at No. 16 Dock street. Specimens of wax flowers very ingeniously made, and perfect in their structure from Miss W. Horn 81 Tammany street, with a great variety of similar fancy articles from different persons.

In the north-west room of the second story, is presented a great display of cabinet furniture and chairs. A. McDonough, presented a chair formed out of Pennsylvania walnut, the grain of which is elegantly mottled. Crawford Riddle exhibited a chair made of cuttings from the keel of the South Carolina 74.

Bedsteads for the sick and maimed, admirably adapted to their intended purpose may also be seen, one of which by Messrs. Eastman & Atwood, has a spiral spring beneath the sacking bottom; a person lying on his back, can by means of a crank raise the upper part of the bed to an angle of forty-five degrees. This has long been a desideratum for the sick, and if successfully applied, will do away with the awkard expedients now employed.

A patent parlor extension sofa, made by Mr. Magrath, 478 Pearl street, New York. This is a splendid sofa, which can be changed to a double width, having pillows, and all the requisites of a comfortable bed concealed in the interior. They cost from thirty to one hundred dollars.

Wooley's patent side board and counter bedstead, has the appearance of an article of parlor furniture, which can immediately be converted into a bed. The patent invalid bedstead is an excellent construction, as is also the patent camp bedstead, which is contained in the space of two feet two inches, by one foot, one inch, and four inches in thickness, with a weight not exceeding twenty pounds, made by the same person as the former.

In the saloon there are numerous articles in the Saddlery and Harness line, trunks, and what is more important to the coming season, some excellent blankets, which in their application will deprive the winter blast of its horror. Those manufactured by the Mechanics' Company of Rochester, N. H. are soft, firm and of a beautiful whiteness, which must recommend them to general attention.

In the west part of the saloon is a set of elegantly bound books by Mr. Gaskill, the covers of which are decorated with a rich variety of colors, and in some wrought into Mosaic. On the same table, is a large collection of blank books, bound and ruled by Messrs. Hogan & Thompson, in Chesnut below Third street.

"Ledger and Journal, made of the finest super-royal paper, ruled with different colors, and a border round each page of the book, representing from the closeness of the lines, and brilliancy of their color, a beautiful variegated ribband, the dollar columns are divided into unit lines, and the pages are laid out, and divided for one, two or three accounts, one-third of the book being ruled for each. The fineness and accuracy of the ruling, and the brilliant colors of the ink, are unprecedented in this country, and we believe, without a parallel in Europe. These books are bound in full Russia leather, inlaid in Mosaic work, with different colors, either of vellum or some skin of hard surface, the centre being of pure white, and around it arranged the colors, being arranged in the most tasty manner, representing stars, squares, diamonds, &c. The gilding is equally fine and true with the other parts of the book, fine as they are, it is of rich scroll and line work, and where these are not are sprinkles of gold covering almost the whole surface, yet laid on with such judgment as to present none of that gaudy appearance which generally accompanies much gilding. The inner side of the lids are lined with dark morocco, and crimson satin richly gilt. The edge of each book looks like a solid lump of gold.

Besides these books there are others equally worthy of notice. A Ledger and Journal bound in Russia and green vellum gilt, in line and scroll work, and ruled in the same style as those above described. These last have each on the front a patent lock, clasping the lids firmly together, and these locks are thereby to prevent curious eyes from examining accounts of a private nature. This is an improvement which every merchant who wishes to keep his accounts to himself, should adopt. The inner sides of the lids of these, are lined with green satin and morocco gilt, the edges are marbled.

There is another set of books bound in plain style, but very handsomely made of blue laid paper, the bindery of Russia and calf skin.

Besides these books, there is a great variety of Stationary, and in another case is some of the richest bound bibles we have ever seen.—They are something similar to the first mentioned blank books, being inlaid with different colors, and panuelled, all from the same establishment."

Then comes splendid gold watches, and chains of the same precious metal; delicate surgical instruments, spectacles, a model of the Big Ship, by Mr. J. Giles; and a beautiful boat, twenty feet five inches long, weighing fifty-nine pounds. Handsome satin slippers and gaiter boots; and on the north side of the room, brushes of every description from the smallest to the largest are displayed.

The exhibition of prints otherwise called calicoes, shows the great advance which has been made in this branch of manufactures. There are many pieces of dark and light colors, deposited by David S. Brown; and some dark chintzes, from the Providence factory, by A. & G. Ralston, & Co. There are also some pieces of beautifully worked ginghams, from W. H. Cheatham.

The next object of attention, is Silk in its various forms, from the egg of the worm, exhibited by Messrs. Ripka & Strong, to the thread and the wrought fabric. There is a piece of rich figured satin, by Miss Gertrude Rapp, of Economy, which evinces what can be done by skill and perseverance.

There are to be seen on the south side of the saloon, some fine blankets, from the Mechanics, Manufacturing Company, made of cotton warp and woolen filling. They are for sale, by C. C. Haven & Co. The buizes, green and white, and the woollen yarns from the New England Worsted Company, were worthy attention, as well manufactured articles. There are several pieces of cloth from a Connecticut factory, which were made without either spinning or weaving, a portion of it is thick and hard, while other pieces are thin and pliable.

The room which is on the north of the saloon is occupied by machinery, moved by steam from a locomotive in the yard, a pipe from the boiler passing through the window, imparts the elastic vapor which sets the whole in action. In this apartment there is a machine not only curious but important, it is a card machine, which removes the wire from the reel, and forms it into teeth with great accuracy. Of this machine, the editor of the U. S. Gazette, who, on these occasions, has privileges denied to us, says,

"One remarkable thing we observed—when the wire broke, it was used up, the whole of the complicated works stopped their operations, though the steam power was continually in operation; and in viewing the various movements, the exact conformity of parts, and the precision of each succeeding action, and the excellence of the work completed, one might well inquire whether the inventor is not infused a portion of his own intelligence into his machine, so wonderfully perfect were its operations."

Cards of almost every degree of fineness can be made by this machine,—it belongs to Messrs. James Smith, & Co.

In the vicinity of the card machine, is placed an ingenious model of an instrument for planing boards. It has a guage at the top to regulate the thickness, and a machinery is contrived on the inside for cutting the grooves. There is a machine near the former, exhibited by Messrs. George Fletcher & Co. the object of which is to cut iron screws for wood, it is said to work with great precision.

In one of the rooms we remarked numerous specimens of artificial teeth, some of them of great beauty and whiteness. J. W. Stockton, of 160 Vine street, has exhibited a supply that would seem inexhaustible. In addition to the single teeth, he has a case which contains whole sets, fabricated with taste, and great ingenuity. They look so much like nature, that it requires close observation to detect the difference. Some excellent samples of teeth are also furnished by Dr. Hudson, Z. Brown, Z. Harbert & Son.

The walls on the south side of the saloon present a handsome display of carpets and rugs from the factory of Mr. McCauly, Bushhill. There is a piece of Ingrain carpet of bright colors, and some damask of three threads, all made of wool. The colors are good, and the texture of the fabrics very fine. Attached to the carpet is a dove colored apron for a child exquisitely worked by Miss Piercroft.

The present exhibition does honor to the institution under whose auspices it is made, and will add to the already well established reputation of the numerous artisans, whose ingenuity and industry have furnished the materials. Every part of the spacious hall, has on each successive day, been thronged with visitors anxious to behold an unrivalled display of mechanical skill. No man can inspect these productions without feeling a generous pride in the rapid advance the arts have made in our common country.

BANK DIVIDENDS FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

Commercial Bank	4½ per cent.
Farmers and Mechanics do.	4 do. do.
Girard do.	3½ do. do.
Mechanics do.	6 do. do.
Western do.	3½ do. do.
Kensington do.	4 do. do.
Schuylkill do.	3½ do. do.
Moyamensing do.	3 do. do.
Philadelphia do.	3½ do. do.
Northern Liberties do.	5 do. do.
Southwark do.	5 do. do.
Penn Township do.	6 do. do.
Manufac. and Mechanics do.	3½ do. do.
Chesnut Hill & Spring House Turnpike,	3 do. do.
Frankford & Bristol turnpike,	$1 per share.
Richmond, Fredericsburg and Potomac Rail-road Company,	$3,50 per share.
Pittsburgh Rail-road Co.	3 per cent.
Farmers Bank Bucks County,	3 do. do.
Yardleyville Delaware Bridge Company,	1½ do. do.
Columbia Banking Bridge Company,	$2 on each share.

Lea & Blanchard have published the First Part of the Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby, edited by Boz, with twelve illustrations, by Phiz. It contains the six numbers previously issued, bound together, and is in a more convenient form for the reader.

The pictures are well designed, and cannot fail to produce laughter, while the story itself will be found to comprise much amusement, with not a few moving scenes to prompt a more melting humor.

On Monday evening last, a man was detected by Messrs. E. & M. Moulson, in the act of setting their shop, in Third above Arch street, on fire. The building is used for carpenters work, and consequently contained much combustible matter. In the early part of the evening a boring with an auger was heard, the incendiary was seized, but directly called on his brother for assistance, when a sum of money, and some other articles were passed to him. The offender was committed by Alderman Christian for

NEW YORK ELECTION.

The election in the state of New York has terminated, as far as can yet be ascertained, in favor of the Whig party; in the city they carried the entire Congressional and Assembly ticket, by a majority of fifteen hundred. In Albany the Whig majority is over four hundred, in Duchess county from six to eight hundred. In Orange county the Van Buren vote is six hundred and five, that of the Whigs four hundred and sixty-six, giving the former a clear majority of one hundred and thirty-nine. As regards the election for Governor, it is impossible at present to speak with any degree of accuracy.

A couple of Englishmen, named Thomas Joseph Brown and James Peterson, were discovered on Sunday evening entering the store of Messrs. Finley & Co. in Walnut street, below Second. Information having been given the owners, they, with the assistance of some of the police officers, after a strict search, perceived the burglars on the top of the house. On the floor of the third story, were found a dark lantern, loco-foco matches, keys, and other instruments used in house breaking. Both persons when arrested were decorated in an expensive manner, and well dressed.

Seven deaths occurred in Charleston *dt* the Stranger's Fever in the week ending on the 28th.

CANADA.

The Troy Whig of the 7th inst. has a letter from M. S. Gilman, dated at Plattsburg on the 5th, and addressed to the Mayor of Troy, which contains a statement of some very improbable occurrences. There had been a rising of the patriots, and in Quebec, Theller and Dodge are reported to have 2,500 armed men; at Montreal 2,000 men under the command of French officers. It further adds that Dr. Nelson had entered Canada, and carried every thing before him, captured the loyal volunteers, and took 800 stand of arms. He left Happerhill on the night of the 4th inst. with 1500 men to attack St. Johns, where he was to be joined by 1000 men. The report says the town was to be burned at day break. This letter concludes with asserting that 1000 men from Ohio attacked Fort Malden, Upper Canada, on Saturday night. An inspection of any map of the country will immediately show that the statement is not entitled to confidence.

On Friday morning, the 2d inst. the Rev. Wm. De Lancy, D. D. was elected Bishop of the Western Diocese of New York, by the Primary Convention, convened in Trinity Church, Geneva.

The Charleston Mercury of the 3d inst. contains a table which exhibits the number of deaths in that city during the recent epidemic, giving a total number of six hundred and thirty-six in the space of twelve weeks, of which three hundred and fifty-two died of the fever; 479 whites, and 157 blacks.

The ship Osceola arrived on the 3d inst. from London, having on board about half a million of dollars in gold and silver, imported by the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Railroad Company, and to be employed by the South-western Railroad Bank.

The Directors of the Eastern Rail Road Company have paid ten thousand of the ninety thousand dollars which had been advanced them on the credit of the state, under the act passed last April.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.

The new grand romantic opera of "Amilie, or The Love Test," is to be produced, and will be supported by the talent and great professional ability of Mrs. C. Horn, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Brough, whose services have been engaged for this purpose. We understand extensive preparations have been made to present the piece with every possible attraction. The course lately pursued by the manager is the right one, and by persisting in it, the approbation of a discerning public will be obtained.

STEALING NO ROBBERY.

A case of larceny or abstraction of a somewhat singular character, was decided in Camden, N. J. on Tuesday last. The particulars are thus given in the Camden Mail

On Tuesday morning of last week, Mr. Bate, of Camden, discovered his mulberry tree nursery had been visited, and many of his best trees had been taken up and carried off. The loss being one of some value, prompted an immediate search for—what shall we call him? for one court declared him no robber, and the other would not agree that he was a trespasser; so for the present we shall call him man; and by the tracks in the fresh soil and along the road, and scattering of the leaves from the bushes, Mr. Hugg, the constable, traced him to a cellar, wherein the trees were found. So far, so good; our city court being in session at the time, it was but short work to have the individual in question marked out, arrested, a bill found for larceny, and the person arraigned for trial. But "oh, the glorious uncertainty of the law," it is *larceny* in the city court being in term room, larceny to take his pick axe, hoe or barrow; but although law so claimed to be the "perfection of reason," it is not larceny to enter your neighbor's mulberry orchard, and take thence a hundred dollars worth of his best trees! The ingenuity of counsel learned in the law, exposed the monstrosity of sending a man to prison for merely stealing mulberry trees; and under the charge of the court, upon a strictly *legal point*, the prisoner was acquitted.

Deplorable Effects of Intemperance.—The Coroner was called on Saturday to hold an inquest at 45 East Broadway, upon the body of Rachael McLellan, who came to her death by taking laudanum. It was proved by the husband of the deceased, that they had been married about four or five months, during which time his wife had almost entirely abandoned herself to intemperance, and that while in that situation, and unable to correct her, he would sometimes whip her, for which she several times threatened to destroy herself.

Mary Gier, who resides upon the same premises, deposed as follows:—On Saturday morning, about 9 o'clock, the deceased took a pair of cow diestucks, which she pawned at a broker's in the neighborhood for two shillings; upon her return she took a sixpence of the money and gave to my little boy to purchase laudanum. In a few minutes after she received the laudanum, she came into my room, and in my presence swallowed the entire contents of the phial, saying "It is done now." She then gave me a shilling, and requested me to get her some brandy, giving me the shilling for that purpose, which I did; and after giving her a wine glass full, I went for her husband, and acquainted him with what had happened. We brought a doctor with us, but it was of no use. Margaret Gier, sister of the deceased, testified that the deceased was in the habit of getting drunk, and has known her husband to whip her when she was intoxicated.—Heard the deceased say that morning, that her husband had thrown a bench at her and struck her in her side, and that she intended to kill herself. Witness saw her go out for the laudanum, and told my husband not to prevent her; that if she had a mind to kill herself, to let her do it.—Her husband, Jonathan Gier, very well when she was sober, but flogged her when she got drunk. Verdict—Suicide.—*New Era.*

Gold and Silver Mines.—Important Discovery.—Last week, in consequence of some ores being discovered on Monafodda, the estate of Sanford B. Palmer, Esq. in the parish of Anglum-con, barony of Ballybritt, a scientific gentleman, and one of the medical profession, repaired thither for the purpose of examination. After trying several specimens in various ways, they were found to contain it was a mixture of gold and silver, with a trifling portion of copper. We have visited the newly discovered source of treasure. The vein from which the ore is extracted is under a stratum of marl, with a moist boggy surface, but the ground admits of a fall of 40 feet for the water. We are of opinion that the "Imperial State and Mining Company" would find here a golden inducement for the investment of capital. The facilities of working, the solvent and industrious habits of the peasantry of that part of the country to which we allude, and the accommodation which the spirited enterprizers may be certain of meeting with, coupled with the known hospitality and disinterestedness, of the proprietor, tend to render the speculation of working these mines a matter of much importance.—*Irish Paper.*

Self Loading Rifles.—This is the name of one of those destructive engines of war which modern ingenuity has invented, to aid in killing off the human race, that is now being exhibited at the fair of the American Institute in New York. The inventor is Silas Day, of that city; and it can be loaded and fired with ease sixteen times in a minute.

DUTTON CORN.

London and Philadelphia Fashions.—Mr. Mahan has laid upon our table a most beautiful sheet, illustrating his fall and winter fashions.—His work to tailors is also issued in quarto form. We have seen letters from the best tailors in our large cities, which speak in the highest terms of his system.—*Saturday Courier.*

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NOVEMBER, 1838.

	SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	HIGH WATER	MOON'S PHASES.
10 Saturday,	7 0	5 0	9 10	
11 Sunday,	7 1	4 59	9 50	
12 Monday,	7 2	4 58	10 30	D. H. M.
13 Tuesday,	7 3	4 57	11 17	
14 Wednesday,	7 4	4 56	11 57	Full 1 7 21
15 Thursday,	7 5	4 55	12 36	Last 8 9 58
16 Friday,	7 6	4 54	13 18	New 17 3 1
17 Saturday,	7 7	4 53	1 07	First 24 1 31

Philadelphia Post Office.

Arrivals and Departure of Mails.

Eastern arrives at 12 A. M. | Eastern closes at 3 P. M
Southern, 3 to 5 P. M. | Southern closes at 1 A. M
Western, 4 to 7 P. M. | Western at 3 P. M. & 4 A. M

APPRENTICE WANTED,

TO THE PRINTING BUSINESS.—A young man of good moral character, of respectable connections, and with a common English education, will hear of a pleasant situation, by applying at the office of the Saturday Evening Post, 36 Carter's Alley.

One who has been at the business—or a lad from the country—would be preferred. nov 10—tf

MARRIED,

On the 30th ult. by Rev. Joseph H. Kennard Mr. DANIEL ZIPP, of Spring Garden, to Miss SOPHIA ZIPP, of the Northern Liberties.

At New Lisbon, Burlington county, New Jersey, on Thursday, the 1st inst. by William Irick, Esq. ABNEY LIPPINCOTT, to HOPE MARGARET, daughter of Eayre Oliphant, Esq. all of Burlington county.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult. by John Conrad, Mayor of the Northern Liberties, EDWARD R. FIELD, to SARAH H. ROBINS, both of Bordentown, N. Jersey.

On the 1st inst. by Isaac Roach, Mayor, Mr. WILLIAM W. ROBERTS, to Miss EMILY, daughter of Paul Jones, all of Lower Merion, Montgomery county.

On Monday evening last, by the Rev. George Chandler, Mr. WILLIAM CORNWELL, to Miss ELIZABETH LUFFBARY.

On the 7th ult. by the Rev. John B. Clemens, JAS. CONNER, to MARIA LOUISA DOUGHERTY.

On the 30th ult. by the same, HUGH HAYS, to MARY FISHER.

In Bedford, on the 25th ult. by the Rev. B. R. Hall, Mr. J. L. SELKNITZ, editor of the Inquirer, to Miss JANE HOLLIDAY.

On Monday morning, 5th inst. by Rev. W. H. Furness, JAS. M. SANDERSON, to AMELIA ANN, daughter of John M. Burns, Esq. all of this city.

On the 15th of October, by the Rev. Thomas Love, Mr. ANDREW ARMSTRONG, of Philadelphia, to Miss MARGARET REYNARD, second daughter of Wm. Boyd, Esq. of Brandywine, Del.

On Monday, by the Rev. Thos. G. Allen, Mr. WILLIAM MORLEY, to Mrs. ANN HARLEY.

On the 7th ult. by the Rev. Geo. T. Morehouse, JOSEPH H. COATES, of Richmond, Va. to Miss ELIZABETH WEST, daughter of Joseph P. Horner, Esq. of this city.

On the 31st ult. by Thomas Smith, Esq. WILLIAM L. OAKFORD, of this city, to SUSAN M. daughter of John Oakford, of Darby, Pa.

In Easterbrown, on the 23d ult. by the Rev. Frederick Beasley, Jr. DR. JAMES B. COLEMAN, of Trenton, to HENRIETTA LOUISA, daughter of the Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. of the former place.

On the 5th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Brainard, the Rev. BENJAMIN CARRELL, of Waynesburgh [now Washington co. Pa. to Miss MARY W. daughter of the Rev. Jno. W. Scott, of Philadelphia.

In Sussex county, Va. on Monday the 1st ult. by the Rev. Mr. Wingfield, Lt. SHERROD WASHINGTON HUNTER, of the U. S. Navy, to Miss MARY FRANCES BLOW, second daughter of Col. George Blow.

On the 30th ult. by the Rev. Joseph Walker, Mr. THOMAS V. FAIRLAMB, to Miss MARGARET PATTERSON, daughter of the late Wm. Patterson, all of Middletown township, Delaware county.

On the 6th of September inst. Fort Madison, Iowa Territory, by the Rev. Mr. Ewing, Mr. J. C. PARROTT, merchant, formerly of Baltimore, to ANNA HENRIETTA, daughter, of the late Geo. Frederick Bushhaller, of Philadelphia.

DIED,

At Beaver, on the 19th of Sept. after a long and severe illness, Mrs. SARAH ANN NORRIS, wife of John Norris, in the 35th year of her age, formerly of Philadelphia.

On the 5th of October, in Clark county, Missouri, of yellow fever, after an illness of six days, DAVID S. HASLETT, son of James Haslett, Esq. of West Fallowfield Township, Chester county, Pa. in the 22d year of his age.

By the death of this young man, society is deprived of one of its brightest ornaments, and a kind and affectionate father of a dutiful son, sisters of a loving brother, and brothers of an example that was ever worthy of imitation.

He was a young man of strong mind, improved and cultivated both by reading and travelling, indefatigable in all his undertakings and of a kind and affectionate disposition.

About two years ago, he left his native state, and went to Missouri, and was successfully employed in the extension and improvement of a portion of that county—in which he died—thereby showing himself worthy of the high estimation, in which he was held by his friends.

In this unexpected moment, when in the full vigor of health—and in the enjoyment of all the pleasures of his life, Death, that fell destroyer of all our earthly existence, came and marked him for his own. *Another Revolutionary Patriot Gone to Join the Silent Band.*—On the 24th ult. JOHN BOSS, aged 82 years, brother of Capt. Boss, of the Steamboat Clifton.

PRICES OF STOCKS.

This week at the Stock and Exchange Board of Brokers prices were as follows:

18 shares United States Bank,	120¼	120½ 100
50 do. Commercial Bank,	60	60½ 50
22 do. Schuylkill Bank,	50	50 50
3 do. North America Bank,		405 400
109 do. Girard Bank,	92	92½ 50
2 do. Pennsylvania Bank,		50½ 404
50 do. Western Bank,		23½
37 do. Mechanics Bank,	56	35
110 do. Mechanics & Tradesman.	16	
1 do. Mech. & Manufac. Fitts		50 50
842 do. Kentucky		88 88½
15 do. Planters Bank, Tenn.		96 100
195 do. Vicksburg Bank, Miss.		78 78½
12 do. Northern Bank, Ky.		91
3 do. Union Bank, Tenn.		90
8 do. Grand Gulf do		86 100
51 do. Philadelphia Loan,		25 25
18 do. Schuylkill Nav. Co.	150	149½ 50
30 do. Philadelphia Savings,		24½ 25
10 do. Wilmington & Susque. R. R.		45 50
3 do. Camden & Amboy R. R.		128 100
23 do. Beaver Meadow R. R.		48 55
21 do. Girard Trust,		25

RECEIPTS BY MAIL,

Nov. 2, received from

C. Bush, Esq. 2 00
Saml. Carson, nett, 1 75
B. R. Barr, 2 00
Gen. M. B. Bias, 5 00
Jno. W. Bailey, 10 00
Wm. Murrill, Esq. 2 00
R. Hardie Morse esq. 4 00
J. D. Murrill, Esq. 10 00
S. K. Montgomery, 5 00
Elisha T. Sterling, 2 00

Nov. 3

J. V. White, Esq. 2 00
Josiah Bell, Esq. 2 00
T. H. Sheldon, Esq. 3 00
Jno. Wilson, Esq. 2 00
Russel Evans, P. M. nett 1 50
not franked,
D. B. Cardin, Esq. 2 00
Saml. G. Sweeney, esq. 2 00
J. W. Williamson, esq. 4 00

Nov. 6

Horace Wheeler, esq. 2 00
B. B. Jones, Esq. 5 00
A. Potter, Esq. 2 00
Harlow Munson, esq. 4 00

Nov. 7

W. A. Pierce, trav. agt. 30 00
Henry Mott, Esq. 5 00

Nov. 8

W. S. Prentice, 2 00
W. Tilton, 5 00

PUBLIC SALE.

VALUABLE PRIVATE RESIDENCE—The subscriber will expose at public sale, on Thursday, November 29, at one o'clock, on the premises, all that certain messuage or tenement, situate on Chesnut Hill, in the county of Philadelphia, nine miles from the city, with the three adjoining lots, containing five acres and a half and six perches; also a lot attached to the same by separate deed, containing sixty-two square perches, more or less—bounded by the land of Mr. George Ray, Mr. John Graves, and others.

The buildings on the same are a two story stone house, frontlar on the Chesnut Hill road, with four spacious rooms on a floor, with kitchen and other buildings be-low, a good barn and other outbuildings, all in good repair.—The whole clear of all incumbrance.

The situation is pleasant and healthy, and the residence worthy the attention of persons desirous to retire from business or wishing a valuable country seat during the summer season.

A LARGE TAVERN—Also, at the same time, by the same, that well known Tavern Stand, situate on Chesnut Hill in Germantown township, on the north-east side of the Plymouth great road, nine miles from the city of Philadelphia known by the name of the Spread Eagle Tavern. The building being a two story stone house, in good repair, with four large rooms on the first floor at cluserve of the kitchen, which extends back, the upper room conveniently arranged for sleeping apartments—Two outbuildings are a stone barn, and two large stone stables, with other smaller buildings, in good order and properly fitted up for the accommodation of a Tavern.

The land attached to the same, beginning at a stone set for a corner on the side of the aforesaid great road, thence east fifty nine perches and fourteen feet to another stone, thence south-east seven perches and twelve feet, thence south west sixty perches, thence north west eleven perches eleven feet nine inches, to the place of beginning, containing five acres, more or less. Also, a lot attached to the same containing one acre, three quarters and twelve perches of land, exclusive of a twenty feet private road, be the same more or less. Clear of all incumbrances.

The above sale is worthy the attention of purchasers as the property will be sold. The land of both is in good order, and the fences are in excellent repair. The distance from the city is short, scarcely more than an hour's ride. The premises can be examined previous to sale by application to the person in possession. Terms made known on the day of sale. JACOB PETERS.

nov 17—tf

INFIRMARY FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN,

NO. 55 North Sixth Street, above Arch, Philadelphia—Physician, O. H. Partridge, M. D.

REFERENCES.

J. C. Warren, M. D. Prof. of Anatomy, Boston, Mass.
J. Parker, M. D. Prof. of Anatomy, Cincinnati, Ohio.

PHILADELPHIA.

H. Bond, M. D.	S. S. Jansay, M. D.
J. Kluge, M. D.	H. Clapp, M. D.
A. Coates, M. D.	S. S. Fish, M. D.

Office Hours—From 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning—4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon—7 to 8 o'clock in the evening. nov 10—3m*

FARM FOR SALE.

WILL be sold at public vendue, on fourth day the 21st of 12th mo. (November,) on the premises, all that valuable Farm, late the

Variety is the spice of life,
Which gives to all its charms.

THE END OF DARKNESS.

BY HELENE LOUISE.

We see beneath the embowering shade
Which flourish's rustling foliage made,
How where the cooling breezes played
Among the trees,
No sickbed damp had spread the pain,
The sparkling hands of Pleasure's train,
Each said that Sunshine's joyous reign
Would never end.
Round were the jest, the song was high,
And mirth, and joy and melody
Sat throned in every countenance eye,
With laughing glee.

Sudden, to hush the merriment,
A messenger by heaven sent;
The gale passed by, and with it rent
A yellow leaf.
Awhile it shaded in the bower,
Like the phantom of an early flower,
Then lightly on the silent ground,
With many others drifted round.

Then were the sexton's reply,
And said with many a heavy sigh—
"Like yonder autumn tint's gliding by,
So human life.

"Upon its waves like harvest we ride,
Hope cuts the sail—control the glide;
Then Death, beneath the mowing tide,
Are seen no more.

"We may before the year is flown,
Or ere the Winter's knots are strown,
Or Spring again her green has shown,
Be cold in death:

"Or when the bonds of friendship shower,
Be scarce'd like the Autumn leaves,
Or chaff of Summer's golden sheaves,
Wide o'er the world.

FAIRNESS KNOWS IT PAYS.—Ladies kiss and don't shake hands in Paris. Gentlemen kiss too, but only on great occasions. I was kissed the other day by a man, for the first time. It was one of the most trying situations of my life. I felt like that personage who was stranded by Hercules. [See the picture in the Mythology.—*American in Paris.*

ANECDOTE.—I am very much obliged to you, gentlemen," said Jack Ketch, after he had hanged a couple of young men, who had been bringing her better half home in a very intoxicated condition. "Oh, not at all!" was their reply. "Yes, by-the-by," said she; "I thank people when they occasionally send me a hand, and why should I not thank you when you bring me a leg?"

CLASSIFICATION OF NEWSPAPER READERS.—Shoemaker, during the readers of a newspaper into seven classes. He says:—" 1. The ill-natured look at the list of bankrupts; 2. The poor to the price of bread; 3. The stockjobbers to the lies of the day; 4. Gentlemen to the marriages; 5. Ladies to the deaths; 6. The manœuvrist to the hopes of a wet and bad harvest; 7. The boarding school and all other young misses to matters relating to Gretna Green."

ADVICE TO BOYS.—Read good books, seek out good companions, attend to good counsel and imitate good examples.

WHAT IS A JURY?—A jury, in this country, is twelve prisoners confined in a box to try one at the bar.

What is a witness stand?—It is a kind of pillory in a court of justice, where a person is obliged to receive every species of verbal insult without being able to resent it.

What is a Lawyer?—A very learned gentleman, who rescues your estate from your enemy, and then keeps it to himself.—*N. Y. Atlas.*

SNUFF-TAKING.—Filthy practice! We once heard of a lady who devoured such large quantities of snuff whenever she could get it, that her chief out of the window in a windy day, it set the whole neighborhood for miles around a sneezing!

A woman once asked a doctor if taking snuff was not hurtful to the brain? "No," said the doctor, "for nobody with brains takes snuff."

TO BE LET.—A young lady, who had been insulted by an old suitor, offered the following lines on her door and windows:

To be let, or be sold, for the term of her life,
Elizabeth Hall, by the way of a wife;
She's old and she's ugly, ill-natured and thin,
For further particulars inquire within.

Avoid argument with ladies; in slapping a man among silks and satins, a man is sure to be worsted.

SYSTEM.—Cuffan said to Grattan, "You would be the greatest man of our age, if you would buy a few yards of red tape, and tie up your bills and papers."

SINGULAR FISH.—A paper was lately read from Mr. W. H. Clarke, of Liverpool, on a fish of curious form, with four eyes, which, although previously unknown to zoologists, was met with in large shoals off some parts of the coast of Surinam, the water sometimes assuming a dark color from their presence. Two of the eyes are in the usual position, but on the crown of the head there is a protuberance like the horn of a buffalo, in which there are two organs of vision, which move alternately with the former. It has a regular mode of escape from its enemies, for when alarmed by the sentinels, it retreats to the bottom with its head upward, and by the aid of its dorsal fins buries its body in the sand; but in this position they are frequently decapitated in large numbers by the ground shark, which in their most favorable position to their destruction.

Native names, one of which is "Food for the Chief," so that it appears to resemble the white fish of the river Thames. It was, however, considered by the meeting that there was not sufficient authority to specify it as a distinct species.—*English paper.*

A CAUSTIC HIT.—Piron, the French author, having been taken up for his witticism of the night in the streets of Paris, was carried, on the following morning, before the lieutenant of Police, who haughtily interrogated him concerning his business or profession.

I am a poet, sir," said Piron.

Oh, a poet, sir!" said bank notes.

The magistrate, have a brother who is a poet."

Then we are even," said Piron," for I have a brother who is a fool."

PORTRAIT.—In the old Biscayan language, termed the Basque,) the moon is called "The Light of the Dead."

MAXIM.—It was a saying of the Cardinal de Retz—" It is better to do foolish things than to say them." May be so; but it must be better still not to do them either.

WELLERIANA.

"That's personal," as the gentleman said to the negro ringing the bell on board the steamboat, and requesting the people to pay their passage money.

"Rather equivocating," as the newspaper said to the steam press.

"Rather clawing," as the soft crab said to the hard crab as the latter was making a meal of the former.

"Quite a *sur-feit*," as the gentleman bathing observed when the salt foam choked him.

"Bad company is better than none," as the fox observed to the ship's company as he fell into the vessel to pick up any body that might stumble overboard.

"We are suffering with drought," as the lunatic said to the *outsides*.

Yours, truly," as the gentleman about to be hanged observed to Jack Ketch.

"Head work," as Pompey remarked, getting over a fence with a tub of water balanced on his wool.

"Rather unusual," as the ox observed to the bullfrog.

"You did not smell much by that voyage," as the spider said to the fly when he caught him in his web.

DISTRESSED BY AGAINST SELF-RESPECT.—If you are determined to joins, love, serenity and joy may yet dawn upon your soul. If you have been contented and cheerful, live and generally diffuse that happiness to others. If misfortunes have befallen you by your own misconduct, love, and be wiser for the future. If things have befallen you by the faults of others, live; you have nothing whatever to reproach yourself. If you have a beautiful person, love, and do good with your beauty. If you are rich and prosperous, live, and do good with your possession. If another has injured you, live; his own crime will be his punishment. If you have injured another, live; and recompense it by your good offices. If your character be attacked, live; time will remove the aspersion. If the reproaches are well founded, live, and deserve them not for future. If you are already innocent and applauded, live, and preserve the esteem you have acquired. If your manners is not esteemed by your associates, live, and correct your manners. If you have lost your reputation, live, and regain it by your virtues. If you have lost your friends, live, to protect your memory. If you have been robbed, live, and exert your industry to repair the loss. If you have been wicked, live, and repent of your sins. If you have been wise and virtuous, live for the future benefit of mankind; and, lastly, if you hope for immortality, live and prepare to enjoy it.

From the Baton Rouge Gazette.

A LEGEND OF LOUISIANA.

* * * * And the Canadian boatmen, with measured step, propelled the boat with their slender poles favoring time to the sad and melancholy strain. The barren cypress presented and passed by the echoes of both shores, and something wild and solemn in harmony with the impression produced by the sight of an immense river that flows solitary and majestic amidst a world of forests.

We glided with rapidity along the foot of several hills that approached and receded from the left shore of the Mississippi, as if a wayward being had capriciously presided at their creation.

Suddenly the Patron, with an ominous voice cried out, silence! we are approaching Baton Rouge. And as if a terrible, unseen danger had suddenly burst upon their sight, the boatmen in silence quickly walked along the edge of the boat, and with their poles, which they covered to increase our speed; while with pronounced they rolled their poles perpendicularly, so as to make no noise. The Patron took the helm in hand, and directed our course from the shore.—Soon was revealed the outline of a bayou that seems itself between two hills, overshadowed with branching oaks, lofty elms, and the Tupelo, with its round leaves.

At the entrance of the bayou appeared a small mound of gray sand, from the summit of which arose, like a threatening spectre, a post stained with a dark red color. The sight of it sickened me. I felt as if some frightful, horrible mystery was hidden under this repulsive color, which acted like an electric shock upon my nerves.

This, said the Patron; is the red stick, (*la baton rouge*).

Well what means this post? Why do you turn pale while looking at it.

Listen: Last summer the last beat Bienville, left Fort Duquesne, where the brave beautiful Ohio, to convey to Biloxi an officer and his family, who was recalled to France. The passage was fortunate till the entrance of this bayou, whose shady banks invited the passengers, boatmen by a long stay in an inconvenient boat, to go on shore to take exercise. The officer, his lady, and their two children were of the number. They advanced leisurely along the shady and silent bank of the Bayou. One of the children, a young girl aged about twelve years, wandered from her parents and climbed on a little hillock to perceive on your right, and suddenly screamed —the Indians!—they are dragging me away.—The unfortunate father ran toward his daughter, but scarcely had he appeared on the summit ere he fell pierced with a mortal arrow. He had been to his wife, fly! but the affectionate mother, rendered motionless from grief, could only press her young son to her heart, and faithful murmurer, save my children! The feeble sound died away, but the son heard and obeyed, and the Indian's practiced ear had caught them. The murderous arrow, fortunately, perhaps ended the sorrows and the life of the mother and her boy.

Immediately after the Indians appeared at the entrance of the bayou, their number, their terrible scream' their shout and war-whoop, intimidated the crew of the boat, which put off from shore after firing a few ineffectual shots.—There, in sight of the boat, the ferocious savages scalped the bark from a young elm, and crippling their hands in the reeking breasts of their victims, besmeared it with blood, and planted it on the bank of the river, to warn the French who might approach the fatal spot, to beguile, or death awaited them.

THE YORKSHIRE TOE.—At the opening of the Crown Court at Yorkshire during the present assizes a circumstance transpired which afforded considerable amusement, if not instruction, to all those who jury applied to be excused on account of deafness. His Lordship, with a shrewdness for which he was always remarkable, immediately put the question in rather an under tone, "Have you been troubled with deafness a long time?" The deaf man, unsuspectingly —"Yes, my Lord." The Judge (dropping his voice a little)—" Do you think you could hear if you were to feel the toe?" The juror, looking and perceiving the drift of his Lordship's question,—"I do not think I could." The Judge, speaking in a voice little better than a whisper) —" Does your deafness improve as the day advances?" The juror—"No, my Lord; it does not." Loud peals of laughter followed each question, and when the last answer was given, the court was almost convulsed. It is needless to add that his Lordship considered him proper person to sit on a jury.

WONDERFUL INSTANCE OF SOMNAMBULISM.—An ex-jeweller and amateur of magnetism, enjoying in other respects dignified retirement in Suburbia ville à la Pansy was lately visited by a young somnambulist, calling himself a painter by profession and who assured him that he had the happiest, natural dispositions for the science of the famous Mesmer, that when under the influence of a magnetist he could see like a cat in the dark, and that in that state it frequently occurred to him to commence and finish a painting in a single sitting. The delighted magnetiser opened his eyes to their full extent, and appointed the next day for the young stranger to come to his house in Pansy and "give a taste of his quality' in the united capacities of somnambulist and painter. Punctual to the hour the young man arrived with his canvas, pallet, and brushes, and was ushered into the amateur's private cabinet, from which every ray of light was carefully excluded to facilitate the scientific purposes for which it was destined. The painter had stipulated as a *sine qua non* that when the fit was on him he should be left entirely alone in the cabinet, as on such occasions the presence of another person invariably disturbed his attention, and detracted from the merits of his performance as a limner. The necessary dispositions having been made, and the fit of somnambulism having been produced to the heart's content of the magnetiser, the latter according to his convention quitted the cabinet, and, turning the key upon the sleeper, left him undisturbed to his operations.

The expected hour arrived, the amateur magnetiser returned and was met at the door of his cabinet by the young man, who was now perfectly awake, and displayed to his enraptured view an exquisitely painted landscape, the product of his artistic fit! After making a present of this charming production to his delighted host, the young somnambulist took his leave with a promise to return the next day, and repeat the experiment which had been crowned with such complete success. Some three-quarters of an hour afterward, the jeweller had some business in his cabinet, into which he admitted a little light, and to his utter stupefaction found that the lock of his secretary had been forced open, and 2500 fr. in bank notes, with other valuable objects of value, abstracted from the drawers by the clear-sighted somnambulist. He had brought a painting with him, covered with a couche of white lead, over which when left to himself he had passed a wet sponge—an expedient to which a large white spot on the floor bore ample testimony.

HOW TO DRIVE AWAY THE DEVIL.—A Frenchman named Louis d'Orleans has been imposing upon the inhabitants of the island of Guernsey, by pretending that he could drive away the devil, in the most mysterious cases of witchcraft. Strange to say, he found many dupes. After a few weeks ago d'Orleans was called upon by a highly respectable family. Some bad fortune had befallen them—in one word the family were bewitched? D'Orleans requested a few days to cure them, and having appointed the time, a number of persons were there to see the miracle performed. D'Orleans came and asked them some questions, which they answered him; he then declared that the Devil was among them, and that he would turn him out, and that they should see him. He then told them to shut the doors close, and then said, "The Devil is coming—do you not hear his chains rattle?"—"Oh, yes," they trembling*ly* replied. The chains began to rattle louder and D'Orleans stentoriously exclaimed, "Open the doors, devil tumbled the *Dey*! from the old farm-house chimney, as black as his admirers could have wished him to be, and dragging a huge chain after him, darted like lightning through the room, vociferating imprecations on suburban villa at Pansy was lately visited by a young somnambulist, calling himself a painter by profession and who assured him that he had the happiest, natural dispositions for the science of the famous Mesmer, that when under the influence of a magnetist he could see like a cat in the dark, and that in that state it frequently occurred to him to commence and finish a painting in a single sitting. The delighted magnetiser opened his eyes to their full extent, and appointed the next day for the young stranger to come to his house in Pansy and "give a taste of his quality' in the united capacities of somnambulist and painter. Punctual to the hour the young man arrived with his canvas, pallet, and brushes, and was ushered into the amateur's private cabinet, from which every ray of light was carefully excluded to facilitate the scientific purposes for which it was destined. The painter had stipulated as a *sine qua non* that when the fit was on him he should be left entirely alone in the cabinet, as on such occasions the presence of another person invariably disturbed his attention, and detracted from the merits of his performance as a limner. The necessary dispositions having been made, and the fit of somnambulism having been produced to the heart's content of the magnetiser, the latter according to his convention quitted the cabinet, and, turning the key upon the sleeper, left him undisturbed to his operations.

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THE YORKSHIRE TOE.—At the opening of the Crown Court at Yorkshire during the present assizes a circumstance transpired which afforded considerable amusement, if not instruction, to all those who jury applied to be excused on account of deafness. His Lordship, with a shrewdness for which he was always remarkable, immediately put the question in rather an under tone, "Have you been troubled with deafness a long time?" The deaf man, unsuspectingly —"Yes, my Lord." The Judge (dropping his voice a little)—" Do you think you could hear if you were to feel the toe?" The juror, looking and perceiving the drift of his Lordship's question,—"I do not think I could." The Judge, speaking in a voice little better than a whisper) —" Does your deafness improve as the day advances?" The juror—"No, my Lord; it does not." Loud peals of laughter followed each question, and when the last answer was given, the court was almost convulsed. It is needless to add that his Lordship considered him proper person to sit on a jury.

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AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY—THE TEETH.

Some time since, Dr. Caldwell, now a practising dentist at No. 66 South Sixth-street, had a favorite horse which had become incapable of eating his oats, and on investigation a carious tooth indicated the difficulty to result probably from tooth-ache. Extraction was the remedy, of course—the poor horse was tripped up by tying his feet together as custom prescribes, his gum was lanced as we poor humanities have often witnessed, and a pair of pincheers were applied, as we have also experienced; even a blacksmith's hammer failed of their effects. The tooth was intractable; no effort would withdraw it from the socket. The gum tumefied—and on examining it carefully, the doctor perceived a ligament at the neck of the tooth, and without much thinking of the effect he cut it; the tooth immediately fell out, or was extracted with a slight effort of the thumb and finger.

This led the operator to reflection, and the hint was obtained which confers upon suffering humanity a benefit which may be estimated by the sufferer second only to the discoverer of Jessar, or the circulation of the blood! Subsequent experiments have fully proved that the contour teeth are also retained so powerfully in their sockets by a *ligament*, and it is the breaking of this which requires so much manual force; and this when cut, which gives not so much pain as lancing the gums, loosens the teeth, and it may immediately be extracted without pain with the fingers! A physician of considerable eminence in this city, to whom we have had occasion to mention if requested, has had the operation of extracting a large molar, treble fanged tooth in this way without pain, and so gratified was he by the fact, that he investigated the anatomy of the parts and extracted all the teeth of a dead subject in the same way, and with no more difficulty than above related. He is a witness not to be unpeached, who with many others, have already been benefited by this great anatomical discovery.

GLOVES FOR ONE HAND.—A contraband speculator bought some time ago in Paris, 10,000 francs worth of gloves for the English market. It is known that in the English Custom House certain goods are taxed according to the value sworn to by the owners, and that to prevent fraud, the Custom House sometimes takes possession of the goods so determined. In this case the speculator, having stated the value of the goods at 5000 francs, the amount was paid to him and the gloves retained. The speculator, determined to have his revenge, procured an accomplice on his return to Paris, and purchased 20,000fr. worth of gloves. These were adjusted and made up into two packets, with which the two friends started, the one to Dover and the otherto Bristol. At Dover the packet was opened, and the owner stated the value of the gloves at 15,000fr., which was immediately paid to him, and the gloves retained. The same occurred at Bristol. The speculator at Dover started for Bristol, and met his friend half way on his road to Dover, and each of them, with 15,000fr. in his pocket, waited patiently at his post till the day of the Customhouse sale. At the sale the gloves were exposed, when our speculator at Bristol, bidding among other people, observed after pretending to examine them minutely, that they were all for the left hand; and so in fact they turned out to be. The speculators, of course, could not be found, and he bought the whole lot for 6000fr.—The same thing took place at Dover with the right hand gloves, and the friends proceeded to London, where, it is presumed, the gloves found a third time profitably disposed of.—*Courr. Francais.*

ABSENCE OF MIND.—The following whimsical anecdotes are told of the Duke de Frias, the new prime minister of Spain.

When he was Spanish ambassador at Paris he received some important despatches from the government, and was instructed to demand an audience of the French King, to whom some proposal which, it was supposed, would induce that monarch to support more effectually the cause of the young Queen. The Duke at once ordered his carriage and proceeded to the Tuileries. The audience lasted for nearly an hour, and he returned to the embassy in high glee delighted with his interview and it was only at dinner that he recollected that he had not opened his lips to Louis Philippe on the subject of his despatches.

When the late duke was simply a peer of the kingdom he was in the habit of passing a part of his evenings at a coffee house in the Calle de Principe, which was then frequented by several young aspirants for poetical fame. One night he was observed to rise suddenly from his seat, and enter into the following dialogue with one of the waiters;—Duke—"Do you know me?" Waiter—"Yes, your excellency." "Who then am I?" asked the Duke. The Duke of Frias," replied the other. "Well then," said the Duke, "go to my house and ascertain whether I left it in my carriage; if so, look out for it, and tell the coachman to come here; if not, bid the porter to have it sent for me at Paris, he and his daughter were invited to a grand ball at the palace.—After sauntering about the rooms for an hour or so the Duke got tired and went home. The ball was a splendid one, and it was said that there was no person alone in one of the saloons, looking very unhappy. Her Majesty went to see who it could be, and to her surprise found it was the Duke of Frias's daughter, Bernardina, whom he had left at home for the night, and returned to the embassy, and retired quietly to bed. One of the ladies in waiting, and an aid-de-camp, were ordered to accompany the Senorita home in one of the King's carriages.

LONDON NEWSPAPERS.—Upon each London paper, of the first class, there are employed an editor, and a sub-editor—from ten to twelve, or even fourteen regular reporters, at salaries from £4 to £6 per week—and each per week—and each from thirty to thirty-five compositors in the printing-office—several readers, who correct the proofs as they come from the compositors—a certain number of men and boys to attend the printing machine, and boys to attend the printing machine, and boys to attend the publishing office. The salary of an editor varies from £600 to £1,000 per annum; and that of a sub-editor, £400 to £600. The largest item in the expenditure is that charged under the head of reporting, which generally amounts to upward of £3,000 per annum. In fact, the salaries paid weekly to the editors, reporters and others upon the establishment, do not fall short of £180; and if to this be added the expenses of occasional reporting, of foreign and even newspapers and private correspondence, the sums paid for expresses and various other items which it is unnecessary to enumerate, the total weekly expenditure can scarcely be estimated under £250, or £13,000 per annum.

The following principal editor commences with the publication of the evening papers, the leading article of which he has to read—that, if necessary, he may refute or support their statements and arguments. He generally remains in his post for one hour, prepared to write comments on the foreign journals as they arrive, (a duty in which he is generally assisted by the sub-editor;) and also direct attention, in a leading article, to any topic of public interest. During the sitting of Parliament, he is frequently obliged to remain at the office of the paper until two or three o'clock in the morning; and such is the energy with which the metropolitan press is directed, that it is not uncommon to see a leading article in type, written in a column in length, on a subject which had been debated in the House of Commons until a late hour in the morning. The promptitude of execution which this presupposes is wonderful, and can only be the effect of habit long practised in the regular routine to the occasion.—*Encyclopædia Britannica.*

MASON'S AND DIXON'S LINE.—This line is very frequently referred to, in debate and conversation. A correspondent requests us to give him the history and location of it, and to comply we borrow the following explanation from the Salem Gazette:

In boundary is so termed from the names of Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon—of the two gentlemen who were appointed to run undisputed lines in 1762, between Pennsylvania and Maryland, on the territories subjected to the heirs of Penn, and Lord Baltimore. A temporary line had been run in 1739, but had not given satisfaction to the disputing parties, although it resulted from an agreement in 1737, between themselves. A decree had been made in 1618, by King James, declaring the boundaries of Maryland, as had been given by charter to the first Lord Baltimore, and those adjudged to his majesty (afterward to William Penn) which divided the tract of land between Delaware Bay and the Eastern sea on one side, and Chesapeake Bay on the other. By a line equally intersecting it, drawn from Cape Henlopen, to the 4th degree of north latitude. A decree in chancery rendered the King's degree imperative. But the situation of Henlopen rendered the liberties and the rights impracticed, and expensive litigation, particularly after the death of Penn, in 1719, and of Lord Baltimore in 1714; till John and Richard and Thomas Penn, who had become the sole proprietor of the American possessions of their father and Cecilius Lord Baltimore, grandson of Charles, and great grandson of Cecilius the original patentee, entered into an agreement on the 10th of May, 1732. To this agreement a chart was appended which ascertained the site of Cape Henlopen, and delineated a division by an east and west line, running westward from that Cape, to the exact middle of the peninsula. Lord Baltimore became dissatisfied with this agreement, and endeavored to invalidate—Chancery suits, kingly decrees, and proprietary arrangements followed, which eventually produced the appointment of commissioners to run the temporary line. This was effected in 1739. But the cause in chancery being decided in 1739, new commissioners were appointed, who could not, however, agree, and the question remained open till 1761, when the line was run by Messrs. Mason and Dixon.

Useful Information.

NEWSPAPERS.

Ancient modes of conveying Intelligence;—Acts Diurna of the Romans;—Register office;—Origin of Newspapers in England;—Paragraphs in Queen Elizabeth's paper;—Diurnals during the Civil Wars;—Extracts;—London Gazette;—London Chronicle;—St. James's Chronicle;—Foreign Journals;—Monthly Universal.

The oldest method of conveying intelligence, with which we are acquainted, was by means of public criers. These, among the Greeks and Romans, were under the superintendance of the police, and were generally employed by individuals in the same manner they now are in some country towns. Another mode, also, was to post up a written advertisement against a column in some public place; this was resorted to by the Roman governors to promulgate its edicts, and even, it is supposed, for imparting more real information of general import. Historians appear to have collected materials from these: nor is it improbable, that copies were taken by individuals, and dispersed about the city, or sent to their friends in the provinces. The following extracts from one of these ancient gazettes, then termed *acta diurna*, may not prove uninteresting to our English readers, as they serve to show how nearly a Roman newspaper ran in the style of a modern one; except, indeed, that the editors seem to have been deficient in several material ornaments of style; they never ended an article with the mystical hint, "*this occasions much speculation*;" they seem to have been ignorant of such equivocal introductions as "*a correspondent of is strongly reported*;" and were entirely unacquainted with the ingenious modern excuse for a downright lie, "*this wants confirmation.*"

A. U. C. DLXXXX.• *Fourth of the kalends of April.* The fasces with Licinius, the consul.

"It thundered, and as an oak was struck with lightning on that part of the Palatine called Summa Velia, early in the afternoon."

"An affray happened in a tavern, at the lower end of the Bankers Street, in which the tavern-keeper was dangerously wounded."

"Tertinus, the *Edile*, fined the butchers for selling meat which had not been inspected by the overseers of the markets: the fine is to be employed toward building a chapel to the temple of the goddess Tellus."

Third of the kalends of April.
The Fasces with Æmilius.

"It rained stones on Mount Veintine.

"Posthumius, the Tribune, sent his beadle to the Consul, because he was unwilling to convene the senate on that day; but the Tribune Decimus putting in his vote, the affair went no further."

A. U. C. DCXCI. *Third of the Ides of August.* Sylianus and Morena, Consuls.
The Fasces with Murena.

"M. Tullius Cicero pleaded in defence of Cornelius Sylla, accused by Torquatus of being concerned in Cataline's conspiracy; and gained his cause by a majority of five judges."

"C. Cæsar set out for his government in Farther Spain, having been bound by his creditors."

"The house of M. Æmilius Scaurus was searched; also was burnd in the sepulchre of his ancestors, in the Aurelian road."

On the introduction of the Christian worship, in its present form, the custom was devised of announcing information that was thought important to the congregation, either by a notice on the church door, as still practised in England, or, in still earlier times, from the pulpit.

Subsequent to this mode, offices were established for the communication of the private wants of individuals, in the form of the press. This first took place in France about the middle of the sixteenth century, in consequence of a plan proposed by the father of the celebrated Montaigne; and this led to the publication, in that country, of advertisements, which from time to time were sometimes pasted against the walls, gave the name of *affiches* to the papers which contained them.

In England, the first example that occurs of a newspaper was a publication established by Queen Elizabeth, at a moment of great difficulty and danger, in order to communicate such intelligence as she felt interested in making known, and counteracting such rumors as her enemies were anxious to propagate.

Of this publication three printed numbers are preserved in the collection of State Papers in the British Museum: the earliest is No. 50, dated July 23, 1588: it is entitled, "*The English Mercurie published by authoritie for the confutation of false reports*," and is said, at the end, to be "imprinted by Christopher Barker, her Highness's printer." It would appear not to have been published at regular periodical intervals, but as occasion required, or events of importance occurred. The first article in No. 50, dated from Whitehall, contains advices from Sir Francis Walsingham, that the Spanish Armada was seen in the Downs of the channel, making for the entrance with a favorable gale. An account is then given of her Majesty's fleet, which consisted of eighty sail, divided into four squadrons, commanded by the Lord High Admiral, in the *Ark-Royal*, Sir Francis Drake, Admiral Hawkins and Frobisher. By the best computation, it is added, the enemy could not have fewer than one hundred and fifty ships; but as soon as they were seen from the topmasts of the English fleet, instead of another foe, they were hailed by the sailors with acclamations of joy. An account is then given of the attack made on the Armada on the 21st of July; after which it fled. This official article goes on to state, that such preparations were made for defence at Tilbury and Blackheath, but all along the coast, that nothing was to be feared should the Spaniards even effect a landing; it concludes thus:—" By God's blessing there is no doubt but this unjust and damnable enterprise of the King of Spayne will turn out to his everlasting shame and dishonour, as all rankes of the people, without respect of religion, seem resolute to defend the sacred persons of their sovereigne, and the free and ancient liberties of this country against all foreign invaders."

Under the head London, July 23, there are the following paragraphs :—

"The Lord Mayor, Alderman, Common Council, and Lieutenancies of this greate city, warned upon her Majesties pleasure at Westminster this last afternoone, in their several companies of their hearts and unanimous resolution to stand by and support her Majestie, at this critical juncture, with their lives and fortunes, when her invasion like the tug true Lieutenant and faithful subjects."

"The Queen received them very graciously, and assured them that she did not doubte their readiness and desires to serve their sovereigne on the present very important occasion: that for her part, she relyed on God's Providence and the goodness of her cause, and was resolved to run all perils with her faithful subjects."

"Yesterday the Scotch Ambassador had a private audience of her Majestie, and delivered a letter from the King of his master, assuring her of the continuances of adhering to her Majestie's interests, and to those of the Protestant religion: and the younge king sayd to her Majestie's minister at his court, that he should never be expected of the Spaniards was the courtesie of Polypheme to Ulysses, that he should be devoured the last."

No. 51, dated Whitehall, July 26, contains—"The journal of what passed since the 21st of this month between her Majestie's fleet and that of Spayne, transmitted by the Lorde Highe Admirall to the Lordes of the Councills." Also,

"A letter from Madrid, dated the 16th July, details 'the hopes of Spayne in the Armada expectation.'"

The next number in the collection, being 54, is dated Nov. 24, an interval of four months. It contains an account, under the head of London, of "the solemne generall thanksgivinge for the successe obtayned against the Spanish Armada." Her Majesty went in state to St. Paul's; she dined at the deanery, and rode back to Whitehall by torch-light.

From the time that this publication was given up, we find no continued vehicle for political intelligence, with a fixed title, for many years. In the reign of James I. packets of news were published, in the shape of small quarto pamphlets, as they arrived. These were entitled, "News from Italy, Hungary, &c." as they happened to refer to the transactions of those respective countries, and generally purported to be translations from the low Dutch. In the year 1622, when the thirty years war, and the exploits of the great King Gustavus Adolphus, excited curiosity, those occasional pamphlets were converted into a regular weekly publication, entitled "*The News of the present week*," edited by Nathaniel Butler; which may be deemed the first journal of the kind in England.

No discussion could, of course, exist, nor could any news but such as pleased the government be communicated, when the Star-Chamber and High Commission Courts exercised an uncontrolled sway over the liberties and the rights of authors, and frequent proclamations were issued forbidding the people even to converse on political subjects. At that time, besides, there was neither a very general demand for information on such topics, nor a convenient post communication.

In the time of the civil war, newspapers multiplied to a great extent, and whole flights of *Diurnalls*, as they were then called, or rather of "Mercuries," for that was the favorite title, were weekly despatches with royal or parliamentary intelligence. In the course of the year 1643 alone, nearly a score of papers were started, many of which have been preserved. Among them are the following titles :—" Special Passages, or certain Information ;—" England's memorable Accidents ;"—" Diurnal of certain passages of Parliament ;"—" Mercurius Aulicus ;"—" The Kingdome's Weekly Intelligencer ;"—" Mercurius Civicus, or London's Intelligencer ;"—" The Parliament's Scout's Discovery, or certain Information from both Armies ;" " Mercurius Rusticus, or the Countrie's Complaint of the Rebeliions, Plunderings, and other outrages committed by the Rebels on his Majesty's faithful Subjects ;"—" Mercurius Britannicus," a parliamentary paper ;—the " Weekly Account ;"—the " Weekly Mercury ;"—and the " Scotch Intelligencer." These were mostly weekly papers. The "Mercurius Aulicus" was first published at Oxford, in January 1643, to counteract the alleged falsehoods of the Roundheads, or partisans of the Parliament. The purpose is expressed in the introductory paragraph, which begins thus :—" The world hath long enough been abused with falsehoods: and there's a weekly cheat put out to nourish the abuse among the people, and make them pay for their confusion. These were mostly weekly papers. The "Mercurius Aulicus" was first published at Oxford, in January 1643, to counteract the alleged falsehoods of the Roundheads, or partisans of the Parliament. The purpose is expressed in the introductory paragraph, which begins thus :—" The world hath long enough been abused with falsehoods: and there's a weekly cheat put out to nourish the abuse among the people, and make them pay for their confusion. And that the world may see that the court is neither so barren of intelligence as it is conceived, nor the affairs thereof in so unprosperous a condition as those pamphlets make them, it is thought fit to let them truly understand the estate of things, that they may no longer be protected ignorance, or be deceived with untruthes; which being premised once for all, we now go into the business, wherein we shall proceed with all truth and candour."

In the *Welsh Mercury*, of Oct. 21st 1643, we find the following jeu d'esprit :—

Her do hear her certain that the Scots are in a cheerful readiness to advance forward to England; which her countrymen do like very well, and will join with her in footing of a northern jig, while harmonious Wales to her country doth lend the morris-dance ; which is better musick than all her Welsh harpers :—

When pay-day comes the soldier drinks and sings,
There is no musick without silver strings.

But her shall have much to do with Mr. Blue-cap when her comes and King-and, with her court thousands of men; but her have a plot learned for north-ern wit; for her have a project to prun all her countrymen that are under ground, and do live in her mountains; which are people called the Ancient Britons: which are people called the Ancient Britons: which her, t'other day, if her stand for the King ? and her ones cried, "*the King.*" Then her asked, if her stood for the Parliament? and her replied, "*for the Parliament.*" By that her see no delinquents but doth stand for the King and the Parliament; and therefore, her will come with an army of echoes and voices that shall cry, every *le Rog*, et *le Parliament.*"

And in "*Poor Robin's Intelligence*," in 1676, we read this advertisement :—

"A quiet servant to be hired, either weekly monthly or quarterly, for reasonable wages; one that is no incompanable slut, and goes all the day slip-shod with her stockings out at heels; an excellent housewife, that wears more out at every thing than she gets; no ingenious scold, that will always have the last word; an everlasting gossip, that tells abroad whatsoever is done in the house; a lazy tromps, that cares not how she lays a-to up, nor how long she lies in the morning, and, in short, one that is light-fingered, knowing how thing, and yet pretending to every thing."

Dr. Johnson giving an account, in his "Life of Addison," of the commencement and original character of this species of publication, which like the essay, temporary and consequently often ten breakfast, has almost now become a necessary of life, and speaking of the "Mercurius Aulicus," and other remarkable papers of that period, says that, "when any title grew popular, it was stolen by those who wished to make money without the labor of invention. Such were the stratagem conveyed his notions to those who would not have received them had he not worn the appearance of a friend." Those Mercuries were succeeded by "*L' Estrange's Observator*," and by "*Lesley's Rehearsal*."

At the Restoration, the wings of political fame were clipped; the "Mercuries" disappeared; and in 1680, newspapers and pamphlets were prohibited by royal proclamation. In the time of King William, and during great part of the following reign, although the press was free to a certain extent, and though several literary journals were circulated, the only vehicle for news was the "*London Gazette*," which was originally established by the king of Charles, under the name of the "*Oxford Gazette*," but was afterward dropped, and resumed in 1665 under its present title.

During the reign of the two first sovereigns of the House of Hanover, the number of journals, almost exclusively devoted to the communication of news, were established in London; but as yet much was wanting to complete the scheme of our present newspapers. At the late King's accession, and for many years afterwards, we find in the papers of the day,—of which, the "*London Chronicle* and the "*St. James's Chronicle*," are still in existence—neither political discussion. Parliamentary intelligence, or even reports of the proceedings of the courts of law. The debates of Parliament at that time seem to have been as unknown to the body of the people, as the deliberations of the Privy Council; the commencement and conclusion of a session were mentioned sometimes in a single paragraph; and the King's speech, in a form his constituents of the particular line of conduct which he had pursued, he was obliged, like honest Andrew Marvel, to